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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE STOCKPILE
STORAGE FACILITY OPTIONS TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY
SUPPLIES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
2 has ravaged the State's available inventories of personal
3 protection equipment and other medical products and supplies;
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6 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has identified a critical
7 gap in the State's ability to mitigate impacts on its vulnerable
8 supply chain; and
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10 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for the State to
11 accumulate reserves of critical supplies to provide to the
12 counties and communities during an emergency and within a
13 reasonable time of the State's decision to deploy the stockpiled
14 reserves; and
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16 WHEREAS, an appropriate stockpile storage facility is
17 necessary to prepare for future natural disasters and pandemics
18 to supplement and resupply state and local inventories of
19 essential supplies during emergencies that may be severe enough
20 to exhaust local supplies; and
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22 WHEREAS, a single stockpile storage facility in a central
23 location may be inefficient due to limited air and sea delivery
24 assets during a natural disaster or pandemic causing delays
25 which may hinder the distribution of emergency supplies to all
26 four counties in Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, the creation of a task force to identify
29 appropriate stockpile storage facility options would present
30 possible solutions as to whether it is more appropriate to have
31 a single storage facility on the island of Oahu or whether it
32 may be more prudent to utilize multiple storage facilities
33 spread throughout the four counties in the State to effectively
34 and efficiently distribute emergency supplies; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
4 that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, in coordination
5 with the Department of Defense, Department of Health, and Hawaii
6 Technology Development Corporation, is requested to convene a
7 task force to study whether the State would benefit from
8 stockpiling emergency supplies in a single facility or in
9 multiple storage facilities located in each of the four
10 counties; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of
13 fourteen members designated as follows:

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- 15 (1) The Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management
16 Agency, or the Director's designee, who shall serve as
17 Chairperson;
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 - 19 (2) A representative from the Department of Defense;
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 - 21 (3) The Executive Director from the Hawaii Technology
22 Development Corporation, or the Executive Director's
23 designee;
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 - 25 (4) One representative from the Governor's office,
26 appointed by the Governor;
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 - 28 (5) One representative from the Senate, appointed by the
29 President of the Senate;
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 - 31 (6) One representative from the House of Representatives,
32 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives;
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 - 35 (7) Two representatives from the Hawaii County, appointed
36 by the Mayor of Hawaii County;
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 - 38 (8) Two representatives from the City and County of
39 Honolulu, appointed by the Mayor of the City and
40 County of Honolulu;
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- 1 (9) Two representatives from the County of Kauai,
2 appointed by the Mayor of Kauai County; and
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- 4 (10) Two representatives from the County of Maui, appointed
5 by the Mayor of Maui County; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force
8 be appointed no later than thirty days after the last day of the
9 Regular Session of 2021, and that the task force convene its
10 initial meeting on or before July 1, 2021; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
13 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
14 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
15 January 31, 2022; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include in its
18 report appropriate locations for the construction of a state
19 stockpile storage facility or facilities in which to stockpile
20 emergency supplies necessary for responding to natural disasters
21 and pandemics and the location or locations identified shall be:
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- 23 (1) On state land;
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- 25 (2) Reasonably secured or easily capable of being
26 reasonably secured;
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- 28 (3) Outside of the inundation zone;
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- 30 (4) Within a one-mile radius of an airfield; and
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- 32 (5) Near state, county, and federal first responder
33 agencies; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall dissolve
36 on July 1, 2022; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Hawaii
40 Emergency Management Agency, Executive Director of Hawaii
41 Technology Development Corporation, Mayor of Hawaii County,



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1 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of Kauai County,
2 and Mayor of Maui County.

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